

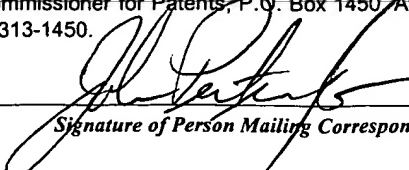


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Applicant(s): Granger					
Serial No. 09/966,028	Filing Date 09/28/2001	Examiner DEXTER, Clark F.	Group Art Unit 3724		
Invention: SAFETY DEVICE FOR STRIP DISPENSING MACHINE					
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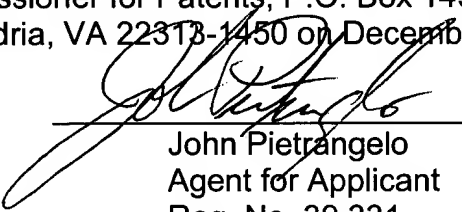
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003. Since this Response to Office Action is being filed on or before January 7, 2004, that is, within three months of the date of mailing of the Office Action, this Response is being timely filed.

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Reply to Office action of October 7, 2003

The following Amendments comply with the recently promulgated "Revised Amendment Practice" for submitting amendments pursuant to revised sections of 37 CFR 1.121 having an effective date of July 30, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.